

LB 184
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bill, also, Mr. President, was first considered on February 15th and laid over. It's introduced by Senator Chambers of the 11th district. There were Committee amendments, Mr. President, that are pending offered by Senator Luedtke's Judiciary Committee.

SPEAKER: Senator Luedtke.

SENATOR LUEDTKE: I move to adopt them.

CLERK: No, they have never been adopted.

SENATOR LUEDTKE: Mr. President, I move to adopt the Committee amendments to LB 184.

SPEAKER: Is there a second?

SENATOR LUEDTKE: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, the Committee amendments, there are three of them. One, on Page 2, line 15, refers to a time period for the Workmen's Compensation change to be made so that the time period would be for the preceding calendar year. This is merely an attempt to have a designation of a time period certain so that individuals would know what...what particular salary or amount of money would be involved in putting forth such Workmen's comp. payments by the individuals, by the employer and employee. The second amendment on Page 2, strike "servant" and insert "household worker". This is merely a terminology. This is only...this is only how you would refer to an individual as a servant or a household worker and the Committee felt that household worker was a better term to be used in the bill, and the third and last amendment...committee amendment strikes "July 1, 1973" and inserts "January 1, 1974", inasmuch as certain insurance companies would have to service this type of Workmen's comp, particularly smaller companies. Domestic companies in the state of Nebraska would like to have that much more time to get set up to handle these kind of Workmen's comp cases and the Committee felt that this was a reasonable request, so made the change.

SPEAKER: Is there any discussion of the Committee amendments? Senator Duis, were you standing? Were you wanting to be recognized?

SENATOR DUIS: I think, maybe, we had better start with some questions to begin with here, so we don't get too far along in this before we find out what we are doing. Senator Luedtke, I am particularly concerned with the Homeowner's Policy which is written on, I would say, the greatest share of homes in the state of Nebraska today which includes the section 2 which is the liability section and covers that portion of the policy that does cover the owner of the policy, that is, the owner of the residence, and assist him in paying medical payments without necessity of even suit or anything else up to \$500 and he may increase that for domestic people. This is one of the most blessed things that ever happened for those people who assist in a home because they can be...say the lady of the house is indisposed and she has someone in to do the laundry for her and they come in and do it, just for, say, a half of day and very unfortunately gets her hand in the wringer and it will automatically pay medical payments up to \$500 or more without even the necessity of filing a claim in the Workmen's Compensation court. What are you doing with this?

SPEAKER: Senator Luedtke.

SENATOR LUEDTKE: This goes to the merit of the bill and I would like to have the introducer of the bill speak for the bill and answer those questions. I..the Committee is merely amending the bill to make the transition more easily, both as to the dates and if your argument goes to that, I would be glad to answer any questions as to...we are now discussing the amendments and that's all I would care to answer. Now, I